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SUBJ: SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL "NATIONALIZED"

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1. ETHIOPIAN GOVT TOOK OVER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, JULY 7. ADVENTISTS WERE INFORMED THAT HOSPITAL AND ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINE THEREIN HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED. TOTAL VALUE OF HOSPITAL AND ITS CONTENTS ESTIMATED BY SDAS AT US SIX-MILLION DOLLARS. ADVENTISTS TO SEEK COMPENSATION FROM EPMG FOR NATIONALIZED ASSETS.

2. AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, LABOR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN ROOT OF PROBLEM AT HOSPITAL. WHEN ETHIOPIAN ADMINISTRATORS TOOK OVER, THEY HELD A MEETING WITH ETHIOPIAN STAFF MEMBERS AND INFORMED THEM OF NEED TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GLORY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THAT THEREFORE PAY CUTS WOULD BE INITIATED AND LABOR UNIONS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

3. ALL SDA STAFF MEMBERS VACATED THE HOSPITAL EFFECTIVE JULY 12 AND MOST PLAN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY SHORTLY. MIN
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PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DEMANDED THAT SDAS PAY PENSION AND

SEVERANCE PAY TO ALL ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE HOSPITAL.
ADVENTISTS CONTEND THAT SINCE NO EMPLOYEE WAS TERMINATED,
ONLY MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITAL HAS CHANGED, THIS IS UNNECESSARY.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS PROBLEM, WHICH MAY INTER-
FERE WITH MISSIONARIES' PLANS TO LEAVE COUNTRY.

4. MIN PUBLIC HEALTH HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED SDAS TO PRO-
VICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HOSPITAL FOR THREE MONTHS. THIS
REQUEST FOLLOWED BY A FEW DAYS A MEETING BETWEEN AMCIT HOS-
PITAL DIRECTOR AND DIRG SOCIAL COMMITTEE DURING WHICH LATTER
ACCUSED SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND OTHER AMERICAN MIS-
SIONARIES OF BEING CIA AGENTS BENT ON DESTROYING COUNTRY
AND DISRUPTING REVOLUTION. SDA REJECTED REQUEST TO SUP-
PORT ZAUDITU HOSPITAL.
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